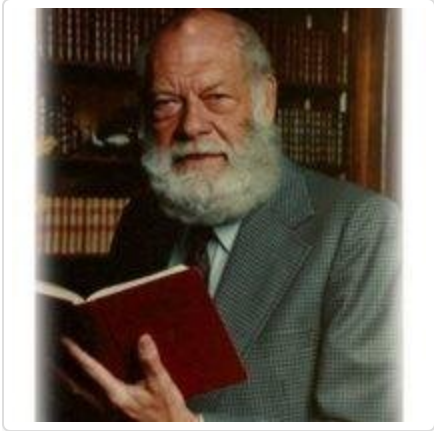




Lester "Les" Herman Gierach

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GIERACH, Lester Herman (Rev)

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It is with great sadness and joy that we announce that Les passed away at the age of 91 years to be with his Heavenly Father. He will be dearly missed and lovingly remembered by his children: Lester (Cindy), Gloria McQueen, Leonard (Heather), Raymond (Doreen), Lynette Willie (Ken), 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren, his ex-wife Ruth of 34 years and many other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his loving companion Elizabeth Zoller. Les led an active, energetic life still preaching until last year. His Christian faith and joy left an impact on everyone he met.

Prior to his retirement Les pastored at churches in northern Alberta, Victoria and Cloverdale BC where he started a Lutheran elementary school. He spent many years working for Lutheran Church Canada. After his retirement he served as Vacancy Pastor at Bethany Lutheran Church in Strathcona County, Alberta. He made 2 trips to South Africa with the Lutheran Hour Ministries. He led many fundraising plans in the Lutheran community called the 'David Plan'. Up until a few months ago he had preaching invitations across Alberta.

The family wishes to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, CK Hui Heart Centre for all the compassion and respect they showed to Dad and the family in the last few days of his life. To hear them comment on his positive attitude and joking at this time meant more than we can express.

An Endowment Fund, originally started by Bethel Lutheran Church was established in his name a few years ago. The name of the fund is The Rev. Lester H. Gierach Scholarship Endowment Fund. Donations can be made by making cheques payable to the Concordia Lutheran Seminary, 7070 Ada Blvd, Edmonton, Alberta T5B 4E3.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **11**. 11:00 AM (MT)

Bethel Lutheran Church
298 Bethel Drive
Sherwood Park, AB